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UD EDUCATOR GIVES BUSH'S EDUCATION SUMMIT LOW MARKS

When President George Bush opened a two-day summit on education with the nation's governors by saying he wouldn't spend any more money on schools, he failed as the country's "education president," according to William Drury, chair of the University of Dayton's educational administration department.

"I've neither seen nor heard anything that warrants him that title," said Drury, former superintendent at Beavercreek Schools for 13 years. "As long as he starts out a meeting by saying there is no money to spend, the summit is a complete waste of time."

Drury, who said he doesn't advocate throwing money at a problem, thinks the wrong issues were discussed at the summit. He sees teacher education, poor facilities and a disparity in wealth among school districts as problems that should receive more attention but weren't discussed.

"My guess is that this summit will be remembered as an exercise in rhetorical exchange," he said. "We've been talking about the drop-out rate for 25 years. Now, let's set some specific goals. Instead of saying that the drop-out rate is a problem, let's say how much it needs reduced and when we're going to accomplish this. Right now, we've got a lot more sizzle than we've got steak."

"I'm happy we are at least on the national agenda," he said. "Now, we need to get on the menu and put some prices on all these problems."

For media interviews, contact William Drury at (513) 229-3737.

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON BUSLOAD TO JOIN OHIO DELEGATION TO HOUSING MARCH

At least one full busload of University of Dayton students will join the local delegation of citizens traveling to Washington, D.C., on Friday, Oct. 6 for the "Housing Now!" march, designed to draw attention to the problem of homelessness. Sister Nancy Bramlage, S.C., campus minister, and Stan Saxton, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, will accompany more than 50 UD students who are expected to make the trip.

Those going to the nation's capital, including homeless people from the Dayton area, will gather for a meal on Friday at 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church, 272 Bainbridge St. Once dinner is over, the marchers will board the buses and head to Washington, D.C.

"For the students who participate, an event such as this will reinforce that real spirit of solidarity with people who are concerned about the social issue of homelessness," said Bramlage. "If enough consciousness is raised, it will show the students that people certainly have the capability of making changes in society."

UD students will again demonstrate their commitment to ending homelessness by staging a "Weekend In Solidarity with the Homeless" March 1-3. Although the event was held last year, Bramlage said it won't be an annual project. "We don't want it to be an annual event because we don't want there to continue to be homelessness," she said.

For media interviews, contact Sister Nancy Bramlage, S.C., at (513) 229-2576.



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